

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following amended paragraph:

[0008] The numerous advantages of the present invention may be better understood by those skilled in the art by reference to the accompanying figures in which:

FIG. 1 is an isometric view illustrating an exemplary rotary power tool employing a blade clamp assembly in accordance with the present invention;

FIG. 2 is an isometric view illustrating a blade clamp assembly in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 3 is an exploded isometric view illustrating components of the blade clamp assembly shown in FIG. 2;

FIG. 4 is a cross-sectional side elevation view of the blade clamp assembly shown in FIG. 2;

FIG. 5 is an isometric view illustrating a blade clamp assembly in accordance with a second exemplary embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 6 is an exploded isometric view illustrating components of the blade clamp assembly shown in FIG. 5; and

FIG. 7 is a cross-sectional side elevation view of the blade clamp assembly shown in FIG. 25.